

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 389
By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jo Ann North upon receiving the Crowning Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Jo Ann North who has recently received the 2005 Crowning Achievement Award which is presented by Senior Citizens, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the Crowning Achievement Award is an annual award given to those community-minded individuals in the Middle Tennessee area who have contributed their leadership, time, resources, and personal energies to the benefit of charities or civic causes; the award is presented at The Crown Affair, an annual fundraising event that benefits the programs, services, and activity centers of Senior Citizens, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Jo Ann North currently serves with great acumen and alacrity as Davidson County Property Assessor and recently won re-election to another four-year term; and

WHEREAS, Jo Ann North attended David Lipscomb University where she met and married Steve North in 1962; she later graduated from Tennessee State University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Foods and Nutrition; and

WHEREAS, volunteering her time, talents, and many abilities to numerous community organizations and endeavors, Mrs. North has served as a delegate to the Limited Constitutional Convention of the State of Tennessee, President of the Middle Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers, President of the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers, and President of the Madison Kiwanis Club in 1990; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Jo Ann North received the 4-H State Alumni Award in 1997 and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Distinguished Service to Community Award in 1999; she has also been named Assessor of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers, Assessor of the Year by the International Association of the Assessing Officers, Tennessee Chapter, and Kiwanian of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the first elected female at-large member of the Metropolitan Council of Nashville-Davidson County, Mrs. North is an exceptional public servant; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to community service, Jo Ann North was a member of the organizing committee for the original Whistlestop, Madison Station's annual fundraising event, and in 2002, she served as chairman of the organizing committee; and

WHEREAS, Jo Ann North epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mrs. Jo Ann North for her dedication to the citizens of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Jo Ann North upon receiving the 2005 Crowning Achievement Award, salute her laudable service to the citizens of this State, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.